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APRIL 2000

KALO PASCHA! EASTER MAILING SENT OUT

In accordance with ancient calculations, Pascha will be celebrated this year on April 30. Pascha is the most important Holy Day of the Christian calendar, inasmuch as we proclaim that Christ is Risen! Were it not for the Resurrection, our preaching would be in vain. There would be no Church. And the gates of heaven would not have been opened to us. Come, let us worship together again and again this Great Lent, this Holy Week, and this Pascha. For your information, a separate mailing contains the schedule of services. It was sent out to our parishioners the first week of April. If you do not receive it, or wish another copy, call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000. Kalo Pascha!

FIRST ANNUAL SPRING GLENDI SATURDAY, MAY 6

The Annunciation Cathedral Dance Groups invite you to come to the First Annual Spring Glendi, to be held Saturday, May 6, 2000 at the Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, where ample valet parking will be available. No host cocktails begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and live entertainment at 7 p.m. The donation is \$35 for adults, \$20 for those 18 and younger. This year's Glendi will honor Hariklia Frangos, for her tireless support of the dance groups. Among other things, Hariklia sewed all the costumes worn at FDF, free of charge! This alone took many months of hard work. The pro-

ceeds of the evening will benefit the Sonia Spachis Memorial Scholarship Fund, which supports the dance program and worthy or needy dancers, and the Annunciation Cathedral dance groups. (Sonia Spachis served as General Advisor of our dance groups before her untimely death two years ago. She was instrumental in revitalizing the dance program at the Cathedral.) For more information about the Glendi, or to make your reservations, please call: Tessie Obester at 650 728-3110, Kathy Garibaldi at 650 697-7050, or Annamarie Balian at 650 358-8809. If you prefer, you may mail your reservation, along with your check, before April 29th, to Tessie Obester, P. O. Box 300310, Montara, CA 94037.

See you at the Glendi!



Members of our Philadelphakia Dance Group, shown with Archbishop Demetrios and Metropolitan Anthony at this year's FDF.

HELEN DELLIS (DELAkis)
NAMED
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

On March 25th, as is our custom at the Cathedral, an individual who stands out as exemplary is named "Woman of the Year." This year's Woman of the Year is Helen Dellis (Delakis), who has enriched the Cathedral community by her years of service, and by her example. Helen came to San Francisco from Chania, Crete, as a young bride of the late Steve Dellis. San Francisco soon became her favorite city.

Helen proved to be a woman well ahead of her time. She worked at I. Magnin and at Macy and, during World War II, she actively sold war bonds. She was acknowledged as selling the most war bonds of any individual in California. She was cited by the Treasury Department for this accomplishment. Helen has served on several fund raising committees for causes ranging from Blind and Retarded Children, Korean Orphans, Cyprus Orphans, and Hungry People of Africa. She was honored by Governor Pat Brown of California. Helen was also active in the United Nationalities of San Francisco, a great philanthropic organization. She served as president for two terms.

She was also involved in the Pancretan Association of America, San Francisco's Ariadne Chapter, for over fifty years. She served the association as president, vice president, and board member. She is proud of her Cretan heritage. Helen's pioneer spirit is evident at the Annunciation Cathedral, for which she worked very hard over the years.

She continues to work to make it possible for us to rebuild the Cathedral church, lost to the Loma Prieta Earthquake ten years ago. She has a home full of trophies for her accomplishments, but, most important, are the many friends who bear testimony to her great faith.

Axial!

APRIL 9TH COFFEE HOUR
TO BENEFIT
ORTHODOX ORPHANAGE
IN GUATEMALA

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 9, Georgene Poulakidas will sponsor the coffee hour to benefit the Orthodox Orphanage in Guatemala. Georgene worked at the orphanage, and became Godmother to several of the orphans who were baptized there.

All donations will be personally delivered to the orphanage when she returns to Guatemala the week following the coffee hour on the 9th. We will have an opportunity on the 9th to hear Georgene, who will be happy to answer questions about the orphanage during the coffee hour.

Donations may be monetary and/or in the form of children's clothing. For more information, please call Georgene at 415 8264-8940.

HONORING
ANNA MOUNTANOS

On Sunday, April 2, feast of the Veneration of the Holy Cross, the Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos honors Anna Mountanos with a reception following the Divine Liturgy. Anna is honored as immediate past President of the Cathedral Philoptochos. She serves as Advisor to the current Philoptochos Board, and also serves as a member of the Philoptochos Board. Known for her past involvement in many areas of church and community life, together with her husband, Angelo, Anne is familiar to all who visited their store in past years on Eddy Street. She is also known throughout the country, where she and Angelo featured Greek souvenir items at various parish festivals.

Anne and Angelo have been active in Ahepa and the Daughters of Penelope, and have variously represented Ahepa, the Philoptochos and the Annunciation Cathedral at conventions and at Diocesan

Clergy-Laity Assemblies and the Archdiocesan Clergy-Laity and Philoptochos Congress.

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OFFICIAL:
PARISH ASSEMBLY
APRIL 16TH

Parishioners of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend the first Parish Assembly for the year 2000. The Assembly will take place at the Cathedral on Sunday, April 16 following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda for the Parish Assembly has been set as follows:

Opening Prayer (1 minute)

1. Election of Presiding Officer of the Assembly (1 minute)
2. Minutes of the November 7, 1999 Parish Assembly (5 minutes)
3. Reports
 - a. Dean's Report (6 minutes)
 - b. President's Report (5 minutes)
 - c. Stewardship Report (7 minutes)
 - d. Building Update Report (5 minutes)
 - e. Technology Report (7 minutes)
4. Election of Delegates to the Clergy-Laity Congress (5 minutes)
5. Election of the 1999 Board of Auditors (5 minutes)
6. Financial Report by the Treasurer (10 minutes)
7. Old Business (1 minute)
8. New Business (2 minutes)

Closing Prayer (1 minute)

The Parish Assembly has been timed so that it can be conducted within one hour. A complimentary luncheon, prepared by Chick 'n Coop, will be served prior to the Assembly. All are welcome to attend the luncheon and the Parish Assembly, although only members in good standing, as defined by the Uniform Parish Regulations, may participate in the Parish Assembly.

Please attend.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

With the days moving towards that wonderful season of Easter in which we celebrate the rebirth of our Lord and that spiritual time of renewal of Anastasi let us take a moment to reflect the positives of our Cathedral. We have so much to be grateful for. Our Chapel (however temporary) is a warm and inviting place for us to worship in his Glory, our gym and community hall is always busy with rentals by outside organizations or our own church events. It is the most heartwarming feeling to enter the Korinthias Hall and see it filled with our youth playing or dancing and filling the hall with that wonderful enthusiasm that the young bring.

It is with that feeling of moving forward that the Parish Council decided on a full Saturday meeting day on March 11, 2000. Parish Council member Chrisula Asimos organized and facilitated the retreat day at the Chevron building meeting room obtained by Irene Melitas. Needless to say it was a great success. The full meeting day gave members a chance to review the Parish structure, to understand its mission and to participate in group decision-making on matters pertinent to present and future successes of parish endeavors. The primary focus of this day was defining and drafting a mission statement for our community.

The Council broke into small groups and brainstormed various topic areas:

- Why do we exist? Consensus among the groups was that it is the community's responsibility to oversee operations of the Church and to provide religious, philanthropic, educational and cultural outreach to all based on the Orthodox faith and values of our Church. In addition, the Parish Council serves as a managerial and sounding board for Parish business operations and needs.

- What do we strive to do? To become a center serving the spiritual, emotional and cultural needs of our members thereby fostering a second home atmosphere for all. Also, to provide a variety of programs to support religious worship and education.

- How do we do this? First identify specific Parish needs and then plan around those needs which clearly requires active participation of the Parish Council for this to work. In addition, there were concerns expressed in this area about better marketing of the community hall and developing a program to assist parishioners in need.

- How close are we to accomplishing our goals? We are doing okay but our efforts are limited by financial and spacial constraints and sometimes not meeting the needs of all age groups in our Parish.

- Suggestions - Communication is an area where we need improvement in an effort to promote the mission plan of our Church. It is essential to promote two way communication between Council and parishioners in order for all Parishioners to have knowledge of what we are all trying to achieve.

Our afternoon sessions focused on communication between Parish Council, our Parishioners and our staff. In addition we discussed budget and financial concerns as they relate to our mission. Many concerns and topics evolved during these discussions resulting in

suggestions and ideas which will be further discussed and prioritized at our next Parish Council meeting. We will report back to you these findings.

Many thanks to Chris and Irene for all they did to make this a successful day. May the Easter season bring you all the warmth and spiritual beauty that our Pascha represents. On behalf of the Parish Council may I wish that

The road rise with you
And the wind be always at your back
And may the Lord hold you
In the hollow of His hand.

Kali Anastasi,

Patricia Aleck,
Parish Council President

ANNUNCIATION CENSUS 2000

At the begining of March, census forms went out to all parishioners and friends of the Cathedral. These forms were sent to you in an effort to get to know our Annunciation community better. An accurate census is important in helping our Parish Council and the heads of our various ministries to plan programs more effectively. It is important that everyone in our community be included, and so we are endeavoring to conduct the most accurate census possible.

If you have already returned your census form, please accept our sincere thanks. If you have not, please fill out the form and return it to the Cathedral office as soon as possible.

If you need assistance completing the form or, if you have not received a census form, please call the Cathedral office at 415 864-8000 or approach any Parish Council member on Sundays following the Divine Liturgy.

Thank you for your help!

MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW 2000

The Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society of the Annunciation Cathedral will be hosting the 41st annual Mothers Day Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, May 13, 2000. Cocktail hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by luncheon at 12:30 p.m. Please make note of the date and time of this event and plan to join us. A flyer was mailed recently to our parishioners and friends. We encourage you to complete the tear-off portion and return it together with your check in the amount of \$35 per person, payable to the Ladies Philoptochos Society, to the Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. A raffle will be held in connection with our Mothers Day Luncheon and Fashion Show. This raffle will benefit the Kids-n-Cancer Program.

If you require additional tickets (11 tickets for \$10), or if you have any questions, please call Mariam or Lillian at the Cathedral, Monday through Friday, 9 am. to 4 p.m., at 415 864-8000 or Helen Markanton, 5 to 8 p.m., at 415 922-1794 or Rose Sogotis, also 5 to 8 p.m., at 415 824-8073.

FOCUS ON YOUTH

ANNUNCIATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Annunciation Cathedral is pleased to offer the following scholarships to worthy students: 1. Anthony P. Bagatelos, 2. John N. Pappas, and 3. Christos Tsikitas. (The Cathedral will also offer the Maria Panagoulis and Sonia Spachis Scholarships, when the principal in each of these funds reaches \$10,000). The Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society, Chapter 423, is pleased to offer the following scholarships: 1. Philoptochos Society #423, 2. Evangeline and Steve Argyres, and 3. K & A Loutas. Of these three, two are awarded each year. A total of five scholarships, therefore, will be given out in the year 2000, ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

The Anthony P. Bagatelos Scholarship is awarded to a medical school student, not necessarily a member of the Cathedral. The remaining scholarships are given to members of the Cathedral community currently enrolled or planning

to enroll in a college or university or technical or vocational school. **Applications are now available for these scholarships.** To receive one, please call the Cathedral office at 415 864-8000. The deadline for returning the application, and the supporting documentation, is May 15. College students: apply early; call for your application today

GEARING UP FOR PARISH ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL APR. 9

In 1999, Annunciation Cathedral had the most participants in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival in recent memory. In 2000, we had hoped to top that participation. However, most of our Sunday School students are very young. They will be ready to participate in the Festival in a few years. In any case, the Festival will be held following the Divine Liturgy. Our participants will speak to us on one of six topics they selected--ranging from Scripture readings to quotes from the Church Fathers to aspects of the Church's

sacraments, dogmatic and architectural heritage. The winners then go on to participate on the regional and then the Diocesan levels. Should one be selected from those festivals, that one will go on to compete in the national competition, which will take place in Philadelphia in July.

SUMMER CAMP IN JULY

Under the leadership of Ari Stratakis and Tom Nuris, the Annunciation Cathedral will sponsor a family summer camp to take place Thursday through Sunday, July 13, 14, 15 and 16 at the Cassini Ranch, located one and a half hours north of San Francisco, along the Russian River. The camp is open to families with children of all ages. Tents, which will be supplied, accommodate up to six people each. Meals and all activities, - swimming, canoeing, bicycling, softball, and arts and crafts are also included. The camp site will accommodate sixty people. Look for details, including costs, in the May Herald.

SUPPORT OUR TEAMS: NOTE THE APRIL/MAY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 2

2 p.m. Boys HS
3:15 Adults A
4:30 Adults B

5:45 Adults B

Tuesday, April 4

7:30 Adults A

Sunday, April 9

3:45 Adults B

5 p.m. Adults A

3:15 Girls HS

4:30 Boys HS

5:45 Adults B

4:30 Adults B

7:00 Adults B

Thursday, April 13

8:15 Adults B

Sunday, April 16

2 p.m. Girls HS

3:15 Boys HS

2:30 Adults B

3:45 Adults B

5:00 Adults B

Annunciation & Holy Cross
Annunciation & St. Nicholas
Annunciation #1 &
Annunciation #2
Annunciation #3 &
Annunciation #4

Annunciation & Ascension
At Holy Cross
Annunciation #2 & Holy Cross
Annunciation & Holy Cross
Annunciation & St. Nicholas
Annunciation & St. Nicholas #1
Annunciation #3 & St. Nicholas
At Holy Trinity

Annunciation #4 & Ascension
Annunciation #1 & Nativity
At Ascension
Annunciation #4 & St. Nicholas
At Holy Cross

Annunciation & Holy Cross
Annunciation & Holy Trinity #2
Annunciation #4 & St. Nicholas
Annunciation #2 & Nativity
Annunciation #1 &
St. Nicholas Antiochian

Byes

Adults B
Adults A

Tuesday, April 18

7:30 Adults B

Thursday, May 4

7:15 Girls HS

Sunday, May 7

2 p.m. Girls HS

4:30 Boys HS

4:30 Adults B

5:45 Adults B

Tuesday, May 9

8:15 Adults B

Thursday, May 11

8:30 Boys HS

Tuesday, May 16

7:15 Adults B

8:30 Adults A

Unless otherwise noted, games will be played in the Korinthias Gym at the Annunciation Cathedral. The tournament will take place May 18-21.

Annunciation #3
Annunciation

At Ascension

Annunciation #3 & Ascension

At Ascension

Annunciation & Ascension

Annunciation & St.
Nicholas Antiochian
Annunciation & St. Nicholas #2

At Holy Trinity

Annunciation #1 & Holy Trinity
Annunciation #2 &
St. Nicholas Antiochian

At Holy Cross

Annunciation #4 & St. Vartan


At Holy Trinity

Annunciation &
St. Nicholas Antiochian

Annunciation #3 and St. Vartan
Annunciation and Holy Trinity

April 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL</div> <div>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</div>						
9 - Orthros 10:30 - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 - Orthros 10:30 - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	9	10	11	12	13	14
9 - Orthros 10:30 - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 - Orthros 10:30 - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 - Orthros 10:30 - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	30	31	1	2	3	4



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CHOCOLATE THUNDER AND WHITE LIGHTNING

By Desiderius Arasmus

In the early 1970's there was a young Afro-American basketball player named Darryl Dawkins who, because of his strength and prowess on the court, was fondly referred to as "Chocolate Thunder." Nearly three decades later, our beautiful Annunciation girls' junior varsity basketball team, in honor of their Greek and Eritrean heritage, adopted the name "Chocolate Thunder and White Lightning." Comprised of six Eritrean Americans and one Greek American, "Chocolate Thunder and White Lightning" set out to make Annunciation basketball history.

On January 16, the team made its debut against a strong Ascension team and lost, 30 to 28. The following week, they were defeated again, this time by Holy Cross, 39 to 38. Losing their first two games by a combined total of three points would probably have deflated many teams for the entire season. Rather than dwell upon their heart-breaking losses, however, the girls met with their coaches, **Mary Canellos** and **Stephanie Vorrieses**, and vowed not to lose again. They quickly avenged their opening game loss to the Ascension with a 48 to 22 victory. The following week, they defeated the previously undefeated St. Nicholas girls by 12. Holy Trinity was then vanquished, 55 to 25. When, on the following week, they defeated Holy Cross in a rematch, 34 to 22, they created a three-way tie for the OYAA Championship.

On the weekend of March 3-5, the annual OYAA Tournament was held to determine the ultimate champion. For five straight evenings, "Chocolate Thunder and White Lightning" practiced in our Korinthias gymnasium for this special moment. On Saturday, March 4, they faced co-champion Holy Cross, a highly talented and well-coached team. After an extremely close first half, our young girls gradually pulled away to a convincing 36 to 22 victory. The stage was now set to meet co-champion St. Nicholas of San Jose at the Ascension gym for the tournament championship. Ironically, it was two years to that day that our now famous "Little Angels" defeated St. Nicholas for the tournament championship in that same gym. Could "lightning" strike twice?

Taking the court to the chant of THUNDER, our girls fell behind, 7 to 2. After composing themselves, however, they managed to pull ahead by one point at the end of the first quarter and extend their lead to 6 by half time. By the end of the third quarter, they had expanded their lead to 10. However, when leading scorer **Wintana Yemana** fouled out early in the fourth quarter, momentum quickly shifted. A once secure, 10 point lead faded to a precarious 4 points. With three minutes left, the lead had diminished to 2. With two minutes remaining, "Chocolate Thunder and White Lightning" held but a one-point lead. A free throw by **Wogatha Hagos** lifted the lead to 2, with 90 seconds remaining. The cry of "defense, defense" echoed throughout the gymnasium. With twenty seconds remaining, a St. Nicholas shot attempt rolled off the rim, and the rebound was furiously grabbed by **Alex Kallas**. Time out was quickly called by the Annunciation coaches. The clock read 14 seconds.....

To be continued in our next *Herald*.....

THE ASKESIS OF FORGIVENESS

The following is Deacon Paul Schroeder's sermon, delivered by him on Cheesefare Sunday, as we prepared to enter the Great Lent. Several people found it inspiring and asked that it be included in the Herald and on our web site.

What are you giving up for Lent? Rather than chocolate, or coffee, or even those little white sticks which some of us like to ignite and inhale, perhaps we should consider giving up that grudge which we hold against our brother, that animosity which we retain against our sister, that unforgiven offense which we turn over and over in your mind, until it becomes like a smooth and well polished stone, like a worry stone which we are constantly rubbing.

In the words of today's Gospel, "If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but of you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

During Lent, we speak of askesis, of ascetic activities by which we renounce our self-will. One of the greatest renunciations of self-will, however, is when we renounce our claim on a brother or sister, forgiving

them and "freeing" them.

St. John Chrysostom writes, "For what good is it if we abstain from eating meat and fish, but bite and devour our brothers and sisters?" Truly, what good is it if we eat nothing but vegetables throughout all of Lent, but every day in our minds have five course meals of the flesh of our brother or our sister?

Today is referred to as the Sunday of Cheese Fare, but it is also known as the Sunday of Forgiveness, because of a service which is done in the monasteries, and which we also used to do at the Seminary, called the Vespers of Forgiveness. After the celebration of the Vespers, all the monks come forward and seek forgiveness from the Abbot and from one another. Although we are not performing such a service here formally, what better way could there be to begin Lent than for each one of us today after the Liturgy to seek out that person whom we have offended and to seek forgiveness?

"But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Today's Gospel teaches us an important lesson about forgiveness: that the capacity to offer forgiveness and the capacity to receive forgiveness are intimately connected, are in reality one and the same. Very often, we find ourselves unable to experience the love of God and his mercy and forgiveness because of our unwillingness to become agents of His love mercy by forgiving others. Likewise, our inability to forgive others often springs from our guilt over our own faults, an inability to receive God's mercy or to forgive ourselves.

Unforgiveness is like a heavily fortified prison, but this prison has one most unusual feature: all the locks and bars and bolts are on the inside. This is also a most profound image of what Hell is like, for unforgiveness is a foretaste of Hell.

Therefore, sisters and brothers in the Lord, let us begin Lent with a clean slate by renouncing our claims against one another. Let us show mercy to one another, in order that we may experience mercy. Let us forgive from the heart, in order that when we stand before the tomb and sing Christos Anesti, we may know the Risen Christ to be our Life, our Mercy, and our Forgiveness. Amen.

Kali Sarakosti, kai Kali Anastasi!

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**CATHEDRAL BEGINS PLANNING
SEPTEMBER 22-24 FESTIVAL**

Another Festival? Yes! And so, with much enthusiasm, plans are being made to hold it on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 22, 23 and 24. With a lot of improvements over our most recent, and most successful festivals. Improvements such as the placement of all vendors on the ground floor, both so that we can hold Sunday School on Sunday and so that we can make it more convenient both for vendors and for those who come to the festival, instead of having to go up and down the stairs. Also, we will be roasting whole lambs on the spit! Another first. Together with an expanded sponsorship souvenir book, even more effective advertising, and the inclusion of many new people in the planning stages, Festival 2000 sounds like it will be our best ever. Names of committee chairs will appear in subsequent issues of the Herald. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, April 18. Interested in helping out? Welcome aboard.

STEWARDSHIP 2000

***Remembering our Past...
Embracing Our Future:***

Our Push Toward 100%

Thank you to the following additional parishioners, whose stewardship pledges were received from February 23rd through March 31st, 2000. We appreciate your commitment to God's work through our Church.

Agelopoulos, Mr. and Mrs. Mike
Ambus, Dr. Terry & Marina
Aronis, John S.
Arvanitelis, Agapi and Antonios
Avdoulou, Maritsa Irene
Baxter, Jeff
Bissas, Maria
Black, Maria Ossipoff
Bozionelos, Jim and Florika
Calofonos, Gus N.
Chapralis, Steve
Chapralis, Thomas and Doris
Chicos, Sam William
Dalianes, Athan and Marguerite
Decker, Christina
Demakas, Lucille
Fitzgerald, Aaron
Fotinos, Mr. and Mrs. James F.
Fousekis, Mr. and Mrs. Vlasias
Georgatos, Nicko M.
George, Angeliki
Gianaras, Mr. and Mrs. Panos
Hollis, Mr. and Mrs. Linus
Kallas, George
Karadais, Dimitri
Karas, Chris
Karsant, Dr. and Mrs. Constantine

**RESTARTING
THE PENTAHILIARIKON**

It's been ten years since we've had a Pentahiliarikon. We will have a Pentahiliarikon in 2000, specifically on November 18. Thereafter, it will be a biennial event. That is, it will be held in the even numbered years. What is the Pentahiliarikon? It is a fund raising event and this is how it works. 250 tickets are sold for \$200 each. Each ticket entitles a couple to attend a black tie optional dinner-dance, featuring a four-course catered meal, which will be held at the Cathedral on November 18. At the conclusion of the dinner, a ticket is drawn and the holder of that ticket receives \$1,000. Then, \$100 is paid out for each tenth ticket thereafter. Finally, the last ticket to be drawn is awarded \$5,000 (thus pentahiliarikon, which means "five thousand.") In addition, there will be an early bird drawing, and special gifts. All this making for a wonderful evening and benefiting the Cathedral's building fund.

The committee, headed by

Karsant, Sr., Mrs. George D.
Khoury, Fady
Kitses, Mr. and Mrs. Demetrius
Kontonis, Mr. and Mrs. Nick
Kosaris, Paul and Irene
Koutoulas, Dina
Kritikakos, Peter
Kyriacou, Justin
Lagares, Clarence
Lampres, Frances
Leonis, Theodore
Mantzoros, Aristides and Catherine
Mantzoros, Eugenia
Mastrokyriakos, Christos
Mavroudis, Aglaia
Mavroudis, Tasso B.
Melissaratos, Hariklia
Mestakidis, Presb. Margaret
Mishtowt, Athena and Basil
Morales, Gonzalo and Helen
Nichols, Helen and Nick
Nichols, Tryphon and Vasso
Nicklas, Nick
Nicolas, Michael and Helen
Ocon, Luis
Ossipoff, Alexander and Lula
Panomitros, John and Helen
Pantages, Mr. and Mrs. Peter
Papadakis, Mr. and Mrs. Spiros
Papadakis, Peter
Papageorge, Christos
Papageorge, Mr. and Mrs. Jim
Papageorge, Mr. and Mrs. Tom
Papalexopoulos, Alex D.
Patropoulos, Betty
Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert
Philliou, Jim
Ponticas, Louis
Preovolos, Louis
Rally, John and Mary

Liberty Nuris, opted not to raise the price of the tickets, but to keep them as they were for many years, confident we will have a sell-out. With rising costs of catering, music, decorations, and the like, however, we still wish to make this event profitable for the Building Fund. And so we are seeking five sponsors who each will contribute \$5,000, effectively underwriting the cost of the dinner. These five sponsors will be our "hosts and hostesses" for the evening. All indications are that this idea is being well received and that our New Millennium Pentahiliarikon will be successful in every way.

STEWARDSHIP 2000

While Stewardship 2000 does not officially end until December 31, 2000, we see that we still have a way to go before reaching our goal of 100% participation. What better time to pledge your commitment than during the Lenten season. Please take time today and fill out your pledge card, if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Rally, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas
Rangaves, Demetrios
Razis, Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel
Roccas, Nick
Sarantitis, George K.
Sarris, Peter and Dena
Scourkes, John N.
Siotos, Dino
Stavropoulos, Styliano
Stevens, Mary
Stratoudakis, Chrisoula
Stratoudakis, George and Georgia
Tarlson, Mr. and Mrs. Nick
Tavernas, Pary
Ternullo, Mr. and Mrs. Tom
Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. James
Truog, Mr. and Mrs. Michael
Tsagaris, Constantine
Tsatsaronis, Sofhia
Tsougarakis, Roxana
Vafiadis, Harry
Vafiadis, Marina
Vasilogiorgis, Dino
Vasilogiorgis, Foula
Vasilogiorgis, Mary
Vavuris, Mr. and Mrs. James
Verreos, Anthony
Vetos, Maria
Vlahakos, Steve and Sophia
Vorrises, Costa
Vorrises, Mr. and Mrs. George
Vorrises, Nick
Vorrises, Vassiliki
Woldezhghi, Andebrhan
Yenane, Abeba
Zagorites, Harry

We are proud of our stewards. Should you notice any errors in the listing for the year 2000, please call the Cathedral office at 415 864-8000.

T.G.I. PASCHA
(Thank God it's Pascha)

Help make Holy Week memorable for your children by bringing them to our Good Friday programs at the Cathedral on April 28. The programs are sponsored by our Sunday School. Activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. and a lenten luncheon will be provided. The children will attend services together at 1 p.m. Please pick up a registration form at the Cathedral or call the Cathedral office at 415 864-8000 and one will be sent to you. Registration is essential so that we will have enough supplies for arts 'n crafts. Don't miss out on this wonderful event. Volunteers are needed to help this event. If you are able to volunteer, please call Denise Yelding at 415 585-5883.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL
NAMED GREEK LANGUAGE
TEST CENTER - EXAMS TO BE
GIVEN MAY 16-17

In a communique received by the Center for the Greek Language in Thessalonike, under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Education, Annunciation Cathedral of San Francisco was named the first Greek Language Testing Center in the United States. Successful passing of standardized tests, to be administered on May 16 and May 17, 2000, will afford students foreign language credits. This will benefit both the students and the cause of Modern Greek language study. The announcement comes as a significant step in the promotion of the Modern Greek language, particularly in the western states, where it no longer spoken after the third generation, but where its study at the university level is now on the rise.

In any case, the first examina-

tions, leading to a certificate of competence in the Greek language, will take place at the Annunciation Cathedral, beginning May 16. The examinations will be both oral and written at four (4) different levels of difficulty. The candidates for the first level will be examined on the morning of Tuesday, May 16. The candidates for the second level will be examined on the afternoon of the same day. The candidates for the third level will be examined on the morning of May 17, and those for the fourth level, the afternoon of the same day.

The successful candidates at each level will receive an official certificate of competence (for each level) which will receive immediate recognition in Greece, Cyprus and the European community. Steps are being taken to have this certificate recognized by American educational institutions and public offices so that the holders of these certificates will receive the same credits as holders of similar certificates for other languages. The certificate is a valuable asset for all those who seek employment not only in the European community but also in parochial schools throughout the States.

Candidates must be 12 years old and older. To pass the examinations of the first (and easiest) level, candidates should know how to read and write in Greek, approximately as those who complete Greek elementary school. Those interested should mail to the Consulate General of Greece, Office of Education, 150 Powell Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94102, the following by March 17, 2000:

1. A completed application form (to obtain one call the Consulate at 415 788-2727).
2. A completed questionnaire (also obtainable by calling the Consulate)
3. A certified copy of identification, such as a driver's license, passport, etc.
4. A check in the amount

of \$60 (U.S.) payable to: E. MELLOU-GREEK EXAMS.

SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES
AT THE CATHEDRAL

MARRIAGE

Robert Warren Smith and Eugenia McCoy were married on March 12. Their sponsor was Despina Kokalis.
Na mas zisoun!

FUNERALS

Jennie Kanios, who died on March 1, was buried on March 6.

Sofie Kritikakos, who died on March 9, was buried March 13.

George Tsintelis, who died on March 13, was buried March 15.

Harry Galisatus, who died on March 20, was buried March 23.

Jim Pete Prongos, who died on March 22, was buried March 27.

Pary Tavernas, who died on March 31, was buried April 3.

Aionia auton i mnimi!

BOWLERS ARE NEEDED -
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

If you are a person who would like to mix fun and sports together, we invite you to join us each Tuesday night at the Serra Bowls in Daly City. We begin at 5:45 p.m. A few weeks ago, I, a rookie, met with wonderful bowlers just to fill in for one of the players. The result of my bowling was a complete disaster. However, I must tell you that, for me, sports--especially losing at bowling--has never been so much fun. And now, weeks later, I look forward to every Tuesday. The tradition began back in 1969 and we would like to see it continue to get stronger right up to the year 2069. Please accept our invitation and join us as we continue this wonderful tradition. For questions, please call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000 and ask for me - **Mariam**.

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES' PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL CHAPTER No. 423

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE FOR YEAR 2000

Enclosed please find my check for the year 2000 membership pledge \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (____) _____

YEAR 2000
EVENTS
TO REMEMBER

May 6
Spring Glendi

May 13
Mother's Day
Luncheon
& Fashion Show

July 13 - 16
Summer Camp

September 22-24
Food Festival

November 18
Pentahiliarikon

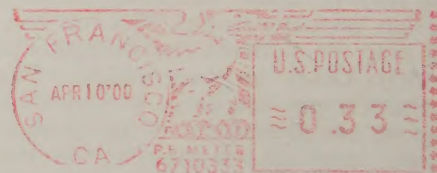
December 31
New Year's Eve Party



Members of our Angels , our altar girls ,
shown in Holy Week Procession last year.

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